Resumption of Doha talks

†2455. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a possibility of resumption of talks, after failure of Doha talks in July, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether it is a fact that there is a consensus among the G-20 countries regarding providing agriculture related subsidy by America;

(c) if so, the details of their view; and

(d) whether any change in the attitude of America is perceptible in respect of reasons for the failure of talks earlier; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) The Director-General, World Trade Organisation (WTO) in his capacity as Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee (TNC), reported the full resumption of the negotiations under the Doha Work Programme, at the meeting of the General Council of the WTO held on 7 February, 2007.

There is a consensus among the G-20 countries regarding the required reductions in agricultural trade-distorting subsidies provided by the United States to its farm sector.

(d) There has been no change in the formal position of the United States since July 2006, on the issue of its agricultural subsidies.

Industrial policy for the North-Eastern States

†2456. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of the industrial policy of the Central Government for the North-Eastern States;

(b) since when this industrial policy came into force in the region;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the number and break-up of new industries which have been set up in each of the North-Eastern States, since adoption of this policy, State-wise break-up; and

(d) the amount and break-up of capital subsidy, interest subsidy and Income Tax rebate received by the investors, on the basis of the said industrial policy, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (b) The North East Industrial Policy came into force with effect from 24.12.1997. It provides for various concessions like excise duty exemption, income tax exemption, investment subsidy, interest subsidy, comprehensive insurance etc. The North East Industrial Policy is currently under review.

(c) As per the impact assessment carried out by the Tata Economic Consultancy Services, the number of units set up in the North Eastern Region during 1999 to Septemebr 2004 is as indicated below:—

Assam	:	520
Meghalaya	:	61
Arunachal Pradesh	:	11
Tripura	:	34
Nagaland	:	46
Mizoram	:	4
Manipur	:	5
Total	:	681

(d) The capital investment subsidy and central interest subsidy released to the eligible industrial units in the North Eastern Region, after the announcement of NEIP, 1997 is a sum as per details in the statement (*See* below). In so far as income tax rebate to investors in the North Eastern Region is concerned, the data is not centrally maintained.

Statement

Details regarding CCIS and CIS for North Eastern States

Rs. in crore

Central Capital Investment Subsidy (CCIS) Claim released Year-Wise

State	2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		Total	
	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.
Assam	0	0	26	3.89	56	5.92	60	5.6	25	3.37	124	15.75	31	4.3	322	38.83
Arunachal	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.55	3	0.61	1	0.17	7	1.33
Meghalaya	0	0.00	0	0.00	16	3.87	8	1.79	16	3.40	26	5.01	3	0.57	69	14.64
Mizoram	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.51	—	—	6	0.51
Nagaland	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	126	1.07	126	1.07
Tripura	8	0.26	3	0.01	12	0.56	4	0.17	5	0.18	1	0.30	1	0.23	34	1.71
Sikkim	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.23	7	0.75	5	0.23	13	1.21
TOTAL:	8	0.26	29	3.90	84	10.35	72	7.56	50	7.73	167	22.93	167	6.57	577	59.30

Central Interest Subsidy (CIS) Claim released year-wise

State	2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		Total	
	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.	Nos.	Amt.
Assam	0	0	2	0.04	25	0.93	38	1.35	75	2.60	49	3.59	3	0.22	192	8.73
Arunachal	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.04			1	0.04
Meghalaya	0	0.00	6	0.00	9	0.24	12	0.20	61	1.54	16	0.41			104	2.59
Mizoram	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00			0	0.00
Nagaland	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00			0	0.00
Tripura	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.001	1	0.02	11	0.15	1	0.26			14	0.43
Sikkim	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.14	0	0.00			1	0.14
TOTAL:	0	0.00	8	0.04	35	1.17	51	1.57	148	4.43	67	4.30	3	0.22	312	11.93